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## A Royal Celebration

### Labor Day Honored in Victoria on Monday With Exceptional Eclat

### Presence of Governor-General's Party Gave Additional Zest to Proceedings.

### Speeches at the City Hall—The Prize Winners in Various Events.

Labor Day, 1904, in Victoria, will long be remembered as probably the best celebration of the event held in this city. Eclat of very unusual kind was given to the celebration by the presence in the city on the same day of Lord and Lady Minto. All the conditions for a first-rate jubilation were well-nigh perfect, the weather keeping beautifully fine, and the air being remarkably clear and free from smoke.

Congratulations are certainly due to the Labor Day committee, who exerted themselves to make the event so successful. Everything passed off smoothly, and it is a pleasure to record that not a single accident, even of the slightest, occurred to mar the happiness of the festive occasion. If the great crowds that went home on the last cars Monday night, or walked home, were tired out with the day's sight-seeing and exertions it can be truthfully reported that they were also happy and well-satisfied. The following is a synopsis of the principal events of the day, with the result of the sporting events:

### THE SPORTS.

Large Gathering at the Caledonia Grounds Witnessed Events.

The sports at the Caledonia Park attracted a large number of people and proved to be most interesting. It is true that in some of the events there were not very many competitors, but in others there was a good turn out and close contests resulted. The City band supplied a good programme of music during the intervals of the races and materially added to the enjoyment of the crowd of spectators.

Of the various events the races for the quarter mile and half mile, both open and amateur, were perhaps the most interesting. In the amateur events B. C. Pettinelli, J. R. A. A., proved his superiority, and in the open races H. E. Taylor, R. M. L. I., easily took first place.

A complete list of the results follows: 100 yards, amateur—Entries, H. E. Taylor, Vancouver; Harry W. Ferguson, Nanaimo; S. Nason, B. C. McCracken, R. Gerard, F. Moore and J. L. Taylor, Victoria. First, Ferguson; second, Cessford.

100 yards, open—Entries, E. L. Harrison and G. E. Moss, Victoria; Wm. Good, Nanaimo. First, Good; second, Harrison.

Boys under 12 years—First, Charlie Catterall; second, James Watson.

Girls under 12 years—First, Grace Ledingham; second, Bernice Hinds.

100 yards, fast men's race—First, G. E. Moss; second, J. E. Hemminger.

Married ladies' race—First, Mrs. Nixon; second, Mrs. Haggarty.

Single ladies' race—First, Edith Crowe; second, Dora Droob; third, Miss Morris.

220 yards, amateur—Entries, H. E. Taylor, Vancouver; Harry W. Ferguson, Nanaimo; S. Nason, G. McCracken, R. Gerard, F. Moore and J. L. Taylor, Victoria. First, Ferguson; second, Taylor.

220 yards, open—Entries, E. L. Harrison and E. Coleman, Victoria; Wm. Good, Nanaimo. First, Good; second, Harrison.

Obstacle race—First, E. Coleman; second, L. Basso.

100 yds. relay jump, open—First, E. L. Harrison; second, George E. Moss.

Quarter mile, amateur—Entries, H. E. Taylor and O. E. Savers, Vancouver; Harry W. Ferguson, Nanaimo; S. Nason, G. McCracken, B. Pettinelli and J. L. Taylor, Victoria. First, Pettinelli; second, Ferguson.

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### THE RUSSIAN ROUT.

Mukden, Sept. 6.—(1:40 p. m.)—The commissariat and columns of artillery are arriving here and proceeding northward. General Kuropatkin is engaged in an extensive rear-guard action.

### VOLUNTEER VESSELS FOUND.

Warned by British Cruiser and Promise to Go Home.

Zanzibar, Island of Zanzibar, Sept. 6.—The Russian cruiser Forte early this morning found the Russian volunteer fleet steamers St. Petersburg and Smolensk within the three-mile limit, and communicated to them the orders of the Russian government to desist from interference with neutral shipping. The commanders of the Russian vessels said they would forthwith proceed to Europe.

A report was brought in yesterday by the German steamer Kron Prinz that the St. Petersburg and Smolensk were coaling in territorial waters. The Forte immediately proceeded to search for them and found the Russian vessels. They were not coaling, but after the orders of the Russian government had been delivered to them the Smolensk and St. Petersburg joined a German collier and proceeded to Dar Es Salaam, on the African coast, 25 miles south of Zanzibar. The Forte returned here this afternoon.

## Russia Makes Great Concessions

### Czar's Government About to Reconsider the Question of Contraband.

### Substantial Changes Will Be Made With Respect to Foodstuffs.

London, Sept. 6.—The preliminary representations made by Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to the foreign office indicates that Russia is on the point of making substantial concessions to the United States and Great Britain regarding the question of contraband of war, as a result of the submission by Foreign Minister Lansdowne of the report of the general commander to Emperor Nicholas today, together with information transmitted by Ambassador Benckendorff, showing the views of the British government. The Russian foreign minister is expected to present to the British government, through Sir Charles Harding, the British ambassador to Russia, tomorrow the formal reply to the Russian government. It is understood in official circles here, that Russia, while not acknowledging herself at fault for the capture made by her ships in the past, will more specifically describe the condition under which certain goods, such as foodstuffs and cotton become in her view contraband. The British foreign office is satisfied from the representations made to it that such substantial concessions will be made by Russia as will lead to an easy settlement of the vexatious question.

## KUROPATKIN MAY FLEE TO HARBIN

### Probable That Russian Army Will Not Stop at Mukden.

Paris, Sept. 6.—An official of the Japanese government, the course of an interview today, said he expected that the battle deciding the future of Manchuria would occur at Harbin, as General Kuropatkin's flight has been too hurried to permit him to entrench at Mukden owing to the distance of Mukden from Mukden (about 225 miles) and the approach of winter. The battle, the official added, would not occur probably before spring. In the meantime, if Russia desired peace, she should be able to open negotiations, but the Japanese government would never make the first proposals for peace. The reported Japanese terms were mere individual speculations, as the Japanese government is not considering peace. They are calculating that the war will last three years and are making preparations accordingly, leaving Russia to make the first overtures for peace.

The Temps quotes an "eminent Russian" who is understood to mean the Russian ambassador here, as follows: "Russia will never make the first proposition for peace. Further, she will entertain no proposition for intervention, even if it comes from the powers having the greatest sympathy for her, which she considers her friends. This is the unalterable determination of our Emperor and government."

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## Wild Rumor in St. Petersburg

### No News From Gen. Kuropatkin and Intense Anxiety Is Manifest.

### Imperial Conferences Will Likely Result in Further Large Mobilization.

### Reports of Port Arthur's Fall and of Kuropatkin's Capture.

### THE WAR.

(By Associated Press.)

The dearth of immediate press and official reports from the present actual seat of the Far Eastern struggle continues. It is admitted by the Russian war office that no telegrams whatever were received from General Kuropatkin bearing Tuesday's date, the last to the Emperor from the general being dated Sept. 5, and briefly telling that the army was advancing northward, that it had extricated itself from a dangerous position, and that the Russian constant cannonading of the rear-guard, and that their losses on that day were about 100. The situation, in the light of the latest information, may be summed up as follows:

The Russian forces are pushing on to Mukden, greatly impeded by heavy rains and floods, conducting an orderly retreat, and followed, step by step, by the Japanese. Details of the fighting and of the exact position of the opposing armies are lacking.

The report that Kuropatkin's rear-guard has been annihilated and that the Russian forces are in danger of being surrounded, is denied by the Russian war office. It is confident that the retreat is slowly, but surely, being effected.

From Tokio comes the official report that the Russian rear-guard has been burned out of the railroad bridges over the Taishan river, and predicts that while the Japanese list of casualties is not yet complete, the losses will prove heavy.

Viceroy Alexieff has his way from Harbin to Mukden.

The heads of Kuropatkin's long commissary trains have passed through Mukden and are continuing northward.

The attack on Port Arthur continues and a Chinese arriving at Chifoo says the Russian garrison expects a general land and sea attack today (Wednesday).

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—(2:10 a. m.)—General Kuropatkin since Monday afternoon. This is attributed to the interruption of direct communications with the commander-in-chief, owing to the transfer of telegraph offices to Mukden, whether messages have been sent by courier.

The utmost confidence prevails at the war office that the Russian army is slowly but surely effecting their retreat without risk of being cut off. Nevertheless, intense anxiety is felt throughout the whole nation and this feeling is shared by the Emperor.

His Majesty is unwilling at such a juncture to absent himself from Petrohoff, and has contemplated all proposed journeys. He will not go to Warsaw or Libau and remains closeted for hours with his military advisers.

It is believed that the outcome of these deliberations will be an order to mobilize several more army corps. Late yesterday evening the Associated Press obtained the following statement from the war office:

"No telegrams whatever were received from General Kuropatkin today (Wednesday). It is inferred that the Russian troops remaining at Yantai September 6th, are on the rear guard, whose mission is solely to retard the movements of the Japanese."

The Japanese are being driven from the position of affairs to suppose that a portion of the Japanese forces entered Yantai, there being no intention to hold this point, as it is of no interest or value. It is inferred that the only Russian force not removed was hurried.

"An official telegram will probably arrive this (Wednesday) morning. The transfer of the telegraph office to Mukden has caused delay in the direct transmission of messages."

A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press sent a message from Mukden Tuesday evening, more than twenty-four hours after the despatch of General Kuropatkin's last published messages. This correspondent gives no details of the retreat and the censor is probably not allowed to publish the message until the commander-in-chief sends his report.

The correspondent points out in his despatch that the Russian forces are followed step by step by the Japanese and are greatly impeded by heavy rains and floods. He adds: "It is impossible to say how long the fighting will last as the initiative is in the hands of the Japanese."

The correspondent does not conceal the fact that the Russians are undergoing severe ordeals, but he says that the courage of the troops remains undiminished.

St. Petersburg is full of the wildest rumors, some claiming that General Kuropatkin's rear guard has been annihilated, that Kuropatkin has been taken prisoner and that Port Arthur has fallen. These alarmist reports were circulated on the Bourse and at one time threatened to cause a panic.

### PLATONOFF SUCCEEDS PLEHVE

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—Senator Platonoff, a member of the council of the empire, has been appointed minister of the interior and chief of the Russian police, in succession to the late Von Plehve.

### VOTING IN VERMONT.

White River Junction, Vermont, Sept. 6.—Returns for governor in the state election today from 125 cities and towns out of 241 in the state, indicate that the Republicans carried Vermont by more than 30,000 plurality.

### COLOR LINE IN PRACTICE.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 6.—A special despatch from Atlanta says: In discussing the refusal of a Georgia soldier to salute a negro officer, Governor Terrell today said: "That's what I call true Georgia grit. He is made out of the proper stuff."

### THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—With the prospects of a near settlement of the stock yards strike, over a thousand strikers are said by the packers to have applied for work today. A special meeting of the allied trades council this afternoon will vote on a settlement of the strike.

### JAPS SHOOT SPIES.

Members of General Stoessel's Entourage Have Speedy Exit.

Chifoo, Sept. 6.—Fighting at Port Arthur was heard here tonight. Two Chinese interpreters belonging to the official household of Lieut. General Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, have been caught spying at Shushien and Palungshan. They were executed by the Japanese.

Chinamen who arrived here today from Port Arthur declare that the Russian garrison expects a general land and sea attack on September 7th.

On September 2nd and 3rd the Japanese bombarded the fortifications severely, and two Russian guns in a fort near Riplungshan were dismantled.

The recent entrance into Port Arthur of a large steamship carrying provisions, chiefly flour has resulted in the reduction of the price of flour from \$5 to \$2 a bag.

## Muscovites' Hypercriticism

### Field Marshal Oyama at Fault for Not Annihilating Kuropatkin.

### Long Projected Taking of Offensive by Russians Indefinitely Postponed.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—While insisting that Marshal Oyama missed his main object at Liaoyang, most of the Russian papers do not disguise their profound disappointment over the result of the battle of Liaoyang. The Russian invalid, organ of the army, however, is of the opinion that General Kuropatkin both strategically and technically did everything possible out of Liaoyang, saying: "It enabled him to cope with an army very much superior to his. It is evident that Oyama's plans were miscarried, as he failed to surround and inflict a decisive blow upon the Russian army."

The other view as represented by the Russ is as follows: "The fact that Kuropatkin was compelled to leave Liaoyang has not only military but political significance. It is no use concealing the fact that the evacuation of Liaoyang was a surprise for the Russians. The moment for taking the offensive is now indefinitely passed. This will inevitably influence the fate of Port Arthur and the further developments of the Japanese operations. The evacuation of Liaoyang will also have an effect upon strength of Japan, and far from increasing their forces, but it is idle to blink at facts. We shall have to make heavy sacrifices in order to protect the vital interests of the empire."

## TELFORD ACQUITTED BY JUDGE BOLE

### Stipendiary Magistrate Deems Circumstantial Evidence Not Conclusive.

### From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Sept. 6.—The court room was crowded this morning to hear the verdict in the Telford case. Never before in Vancouver has such interest been shown in a criminal case. The most prominent men of Vancouver occupied seats within the railing. All the seats behind the rail were occupied and every aisle was crowded with people. When Judge Bole announced the verdict of not guilty it was followed by loud applause and the sheriff's appeal for order had no effect. Judge Bole read a written verdict of great length. He stated that it was the duty of a jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal, and that in this case it was largely circumstantial evidence produced, and that in circumstantial evidence very often loose conversation, handwriting, dates, etc., were unintentionally inaccurately sworn to. Expert evidence, also, had been given in this case. As expert evidence was largely a matter of opinion and as opinions were often weak and inaccurate, expert evidence had to be guardedly accepted. Other rules of evidence were read and it was stated that applying these conditions to the present trial nothing could be done but to dismiss the case.

W. K. Bowser, K. C., for the defence once asked for the discharge of the prisoner. Telford left the witness box amidst the loud applause of a number of those present. Several ladies interested in the case were the first to congratulate Telford when he was at once surrounded by a large number of his friends who escorted him to the hospital.

### STUDY CANADIAN METHODS.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 6.—Dr. Edmund J. James, the newly elected president of the University of Illinois, has been granted leave of absence to visit the Universities of Canada, and especially the University of Toronto, to examine and report upon the system of co-operation between the state universities and the denominational colleges.

### FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6.—A Wabash railroad passenger train south bound from Des Moines to St. Louis was wrecked near Pontolow, Mo., sixty-six miles northwest of this place today, killing four passengers and injuring twenty-five others. The cause of the wreck has not been determined, but it is thought that a broken wheel on a passenger coach which jumped the track and dragged the dining car with it. At the Wabash general offices in St. Louis it was stated that there were 500 persons on the train, which was proceeding at regular speed when the accident happened. The sleeper, which was the rear car, did not leave the track. The day coach and dining car went down the embankment and were totally wrecked. Casualties were among the passengers of the day car.

## Dominion New Notes

### Indiscreet Detective at Montreal Will Be Dismissed From The Force.

### Archbishop of Canterbury and Party Visit The Niagara Falls.

### Trailing Loaded Gun Leads to Fatal Accident While Hunting.

Montreal, Sept. 6.—Detective Scott of the police force, who was suspended the other day for his connection with the case of Mamie Lalonde, who committed suicide, is to be discharged, according to Chairman St. Denis.

Stratford, Ont., Sept. 6.—The first of the Ontario protested election cases came on for trial here this morning. It was that of North Perth. Two hundred witnesses had been summoned, and after hearing two, who swore to the receipt of money for the purchase of their votes, the Liberal member, John Brown, was unseated and his election declared void.

Hamilton, Sept. 6.—Col. Henry McLaren, retired, is dead, aged 55 years. He was for two years in command of the 13th Regiment.

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 6.—Patrick Breen, a prominent railroad contractor, dropped dead in a cigar store here yesterday while talking with friends. He was 66 years old.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 6.—The corn crop of Essex county is practically ruined. Rain and bad weather, with poor seed, are given as the cause.

Stratford, Sept. 6.—William Hutchison, aged 40, and married with a family, committed suicide last night by shooting himself while temporarily insane.

Toronto, Sept. 6.—The Archbishop of Canterbury and party left this morning for Niagara Falls.

Winnipeg, Sept. 6.—Robert McKee, eighteen years of age, son of a Brookdale farmer, in the Neepawa district, was fatally injured while duck hunting, the duck accidentally discharging while he was trailing it on the ground.

Winnipeg, Sept. 6.—Today's crop report of the C. P. R. shows that a varying percentage of the wheat has been cut during the past week. At only one point, Otterburn, on the Emerson branch, is the cutting completed. The weather on the whole has been somewhat unfavorable, being too wet and cool, but threshing will be general next week if the weather settles as it seems to promise according to the latest advice.

There are only a few reports of damage from rust, the most notable being at Niagara and Kossow, which report "considerable rust," and Alexander, along the Esteyan section. The country up to date has been untouched by frost except at a couple of northern points.

The full report on estimates on the yield is not ready yet, the data here gathered by the railway, but the Yorkton and Arcola branches place the average at from twenty to twenty-five bushels to the acre.

### RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is stated that by the end of October there will be eight and thirteen army corps, totaling 192,000 men, will reach the front, and that before the end of September 1,000 regiments will have been despatched to General Kuropatkin.

### KUROPATKIN TRAPPED.

London, Sept. 6.—The Times' military expert thinks that although Kuropatkin has a start of his pursuers, he is not out of the woods. Many of his regiments are reduced to half their strength, while those that the Japanese have been increased and are likely to be in better shape. The expert doubts whether General Linovitch is really coming with reinforcements from Vladivostok. He says that he has not forty thousand men, and, if he had, they could not arrive in time to be of any service. The expert regards the Russian rear-guard as probably doomed, since if General Kuropatkin has left Yantai, Alexander, not far from the rear-guard, will join him. The pursuit, the expert adds, is being conducted with the utmost energy and may well provide surprises for the Russians.

## CONDITION OF THE RUSSIAN JEWS

### The New Scheme of Reform Is Criticized Somewhat Adversely.

London, Sept. 6.—Your correspondent had a conversation yesterday with Mr. Leven, president of the Alliance Israelite, on the subject of the reforms which the Czar has proclaimed for the amelioration of the condition of the Russian Jews. In the course of the conversation Mr. Leven said that new regulations were little more than a hint of a better disposition towards the Jews.

They touched, as it were, only the hem of the garment of misery with which the Russian Jews have been divested by the decrees of May, 1882, since intensified by the cruel decrees of General Ignatieff. They were welcomed, however, as the first step in the direction of a more comprehensive amelioration which the Czar seems to promise. A majority of the disabilities affecting the Jews are, however, in force.

One of the new dispensations, Mr. Leven continued, is that affecting Jews who have served in the army, but it was not clear whether all Jews who have completed their military service or who have distinguished themselves as soldiers at any time, will be permitted to reside without restriction in any part of the empire.

This was a very appreciable gain, but if it applied only to men who had served in the present war, it would result in a very unfair adjustment, and as it is not transmissible as a right from father to son it will only serve to disrupt families.

Mr. Leven says that the new scheme of reform is now less prompted by the Czar's joy at the loss of a son than by a desire to be reconciled by certain provincial governors, who depicted the misery of the Jews in its true color, which is of the blackest. They urged that the Jews be given the same common law rights as are enjoyed by other Russian subjects.







## Is the Bread Loaf too Small?

**Citizen Writes the Council and Asks That Provisions of By-Law Be Enforced.**

**Other Matters of Routine Interest Dealt With at Last Night's Meeting.**

With the exception of an interesting suggestion put by a citizen, last evening's meeting of the City Council was singularly devoid of interest. The gentleman in question pointed out the desirability of arranging that the by-law regulating the weight of loaves of bread be strictly enforced. The letter which embodied this request was not a lengthy one, and contained no reasons for supposing that the loaves as they are at present, are not full weight; but the council decided to take steps to see that the law is enforced.

His Worship Mayor Bernard presided and all the aldermen were present. An invitation was received from New Westminster to attend the agricultural exhibition there. Accepted with thanks. The secretary of the Victoria Property Owners' Association directed further attention to the mode of assessment for permanent sidewalks.

Referred to the streets committee. The Brackman-Ker Milling Company offered a quantity of rock to the city for 85 cents per yard. Referred to the city engineer.

A Portland cement man offered material, and he will be informed that the material is always called for by tender. Lauretta Gould, manager of the aged women's home, asked the patronage of the mayor and aldermen for the forthcoming "at home."

Maria Grant, secretary of the W. C. T. U., asked for a donation to the new home for destitute women.

On motion of Ald. Beckwith, the matter was referred to the finance committee for a recommendation for favorable report.

Messrs. Higgins & Elliott, on behalf of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, asked for compensation for a building pulled down in an attempt to stay the progress of the disastrous fire from Princess avenue. Referred to the city solicitor.

Arthur E. Haynes objected to the building of permanent walks on Pakington and Labouchere streets on the present plans of assessment. Received and filed.

Elizabeth Hamilton, of Park street, asked for a reduction in taxes. As the case is a very worthy one the case will be adjusted, a motion being passed to that effect.

Edith Haywood called attention to nuisance in drain on Cadboro Bay road and to her house. Referred to engineer for report.

Tenders for painting the City hall and the Yates street pumping station were received from the following: David S. Jones, \$600; McAllister Bros., \$275; J. L. Porter, \$375.

Ald. Beckwith remarked that there surely must be some misunderstanding of the specifications, so great is the difference in the figures. The tenders were referred to the purchasing agent and finance committee for report.

William Armstrong complained of a dog kennel in front of the Old Men's Home, also a rabbit run. Referred to sanitary officer for report.

Richard Layritz called attention to the necessity of better drainage on his land on Ross street. Referred to the city engineer for report.

John Wilkinson asked for the enforcement of the by-law regulating the weight of bread. The matter will be attended to and Mr. Wilkinson so informed.

The city solicitor reported in regard to the application for a confirmatory deed by Mrs. Fleming of a piece of property on the corner of the old fire. There was no objection to granting a new deed, providing the necessary legal preliminaries were observed.

The building inspector approved of plans for the J. H. McGregor block on Langley street, and permit for same was ordered issued.

By-laws providing for street improvements, as mentioned in previous issues, were put through their final stages and the work ordered done.

Thomas Catterall and others asked that the work of laying permanent sidewalks at the north end of Pemberton and Cadboro Bay roads be proceeded with without the formality of a by-law. After some debate it was decided to agree with the request providing the property owners affected would sign the necessary agreement.

Ald. Beckwith asked if any headway had been made in the matter of straight-

ening Cadboro Bay road from Harrison street to Stanley avenue. No information was available.

Accounts for the month were passed and ordered paid.

The fire wardens recommended that a fire hydrant be erected at the corner of Shakespear and North Pembroke streets. Adopted.

On motion of Ald. Beckwith a motion was passed thanking Commodore Goodrich and officers of His Majesty's navy for their generous reception to their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Minto.

After passing some necessary by-law work the council adjourned.

**A TEXAS STEEL.**

On Monday evening a fairly good house enjoyed the favorite Hoyt comedy, "A Texas Steel," at the Victoria opera house. The play was very well put on, and there were many novel special items in addition to the bill-of-fare served with the "Steel" last season. The principal actors all gave while the music was strong and capable. Some excellent singing was heard from various members of the company.

**THE GRAND.**

The Grand theatre, on Johnson street, did a roaring business on Labor Day. The first performance was given at 10:30 p.m. and the house was packed. It was followed by four matinees in the afternoon and four performances at night, all of which were packed to the doors. The show this week is a good one, as usual in Manager Janes' popular house. The four Mortons do the best juggling act with clubs that has been seen in the city. Harry Walton, as a "thrusting" impetuous, is inimitable. Gray and Hilton do an exciting three-mile bicycle race, and Demaria and Orlando are a good team of song and dance. Soubrettes, Mr. Demaria's all his while, is entitled "Night as the Moon Was Shining." The moving pictures are really new, illustrating the testing of a submarine boat, a baby show, etc., and form an interesting feature of the entertainment.

**SEATTLE BUSINESS MEN.**

Excursionists Will Reach Victoria on Thursday.

The City of Topeka sailed from Seattle yesterday with the business men's excursion. The party will visit Vancouver, Bellingham, and Victoria, and several other points. They will arrive here on Thursday and will be met by Mr. S. J. Pitts, president of the City of Topeka, and will arrange things so that the visitors may see all the sights of the city. Among the gentlemen who will go on the excursion are the following: John Schram, president of the Chamber of Commerce; E. A. Abbott, T. O. Abbott, C. H. Baker, George Bode, Charles H. Black, R. B. Borstman, R. C. Carey, E. A. Chadwick, D. J. Colby, John Thomas Cochran, J. J. Cunningham, Griffith Davies, E. L. Drew, C. F. Eggert, H. S. Emerson, D. B. Fredericks, E. L. Goodwin, E. J. Graves, H. H. Houlahan, E. James, H. L. Jennings, W. D. Kimball, Leo Kohn, C. H. Lilly, C. C. Marling, Z. C. Miles, P. W. Mitchell, R. C. McCormick, James H. Perkins, J. C. Pidd, W. Thomas P. Prosch, W. P. Richardson, W. L. Rhodes, Joseph Shippen, W. E. Stevens, H. P. Stodding, Howard D. Thomas, jun., Moritz Thomson, Philip Tisdall, H. W. S. Tupper, J. West, John A. Whalley, L. N. Wood.

**GOOD DIGESTION.**

If you can keep your digestive system in proper condition the body will be well nourished and you need have little fear of disease. By regulating the kidneys, liver and bowels, the body is kept in a healthy condition. The organs of digestion and for this reason are indispensable as a family medicine.

**Convention of The W. C. T. U.**

(Continued from Page Eight.)

Congregational church. After Scripture reading and prayer, Mrs. Gleason formally welcomed the convention to the city in a pleasing and hearty address. Mrs. Brown of Vancouver responded, expressing the appreciation of the visiting delegates. The "Do everything policy" of the W. C. T. U. was exemplified in short addresses, delivered by several members, the educational department being expanded by Mrs. Cunningham, the press work by Mrs. Bryant, and evangelistic work by Mrs. Quigley. Rev. Le Roy Dakin then gave an earnest address on the work of the church and its relation to the W. C. T. U. During the evening pleasing songs were rendered by Mrs. Gleason and Mrs. Stephens.

The W. C. T. U. convention, which is now meeting in this city, resumes business this morning in the Congregational church at 10 o'clock. The work taken up will be amendments to the constitution, reports of superintendents, and a Bible reading at 11:20.

The afternoon session will continue reports of departments and the report of the committee on plan of work for the coming year.

The evening meeting will again be held at the mission tent, when addresses will be delivered on parity by Rev. Mr. Adams and Mr. Shanks; and Mrs. Spofford will speak of the work of the W. C. T. U. Home in Victoria. Music will be furnished by the choir of the Congregational church.

**MARK TWAIN CAUGHT.**

On one of Mark Twain's latest trips down the Mississippi he made the journey incognito in order to gather material for stories about Mississippi pilots, and the following story was told by a man who knew him well, of the way Twain was discovered: "The steamer was hardly under way when through the automatic action of the beam, the author instinctively wondered to the pilot house, and essayed the role of the greenhorn. The pilot loaded him with the kind of river chaff and badinage that must have recalled the days of his youth more vividly than would have the taste of one of his grand-mother's pies, and our author was enjoying it as keenly as if he were at a country circus, slowing away page after page of the most delightful material, and secretly laughing himself with the thought that he was getting a large amount of the most desirable copy from the very source to which he had looked most longingly, and for the acquisition of which he had been making his brain in an effort to decide as to the best method of procedure. At the moment when he decided on beating a retreat, in order that his stenographer might take every word of the interview while it was fresh in his mind, the pilot left the wheel, and, turning to Mr. Clemens, calling him by name, said: 'There, you take her and lie awhile—you're handier and it than I. Now, take the wheel and finish the watch, and next time play fair and you won't have to work your passage.' The results of this trip were incorporated in the second half of "Life on the Mississippi."

**WHERE THEY GOT THEIR TIPS.**

Montreal Gazette.

Admiral Douglas, now on the North American station, was for long time an instructor in the Japanese navy. His apprentices are doing credit to their master.

**THEIR QUALIFICATION.**

Toronto Mail.

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## Fine Vessel a Complete Loss

**British Ship Drumbrum Meets Her Fate on San Pedro Rocks.**

**Was Well Known on the Pacific Coast For Number of Years.**

San Francisco, Sept. 6.—The four-masted British ship Drumbrum, Capt. William C. Thomas, lies on the sharp rocks of Point San Pedro, 13 miles or so below the Cliff House, where her big iron hull is destined to remain until storms and heavy seas of the coming winter crush it to fragments. The wreck is the result of the dense fog that hung over the coast all day Saturday, with treacherous ocean currents. She will be a total wreck, and all that can be saved is her sails and rigging and such other portable property as may be transferred to a lighter.

A remarkable circumstance attending the wreck is that there was no loss of life, no hardship to the officers and crew beyond the all-night vigil and the labor attending the constant bailing of the ship's three boats, which started to leak at every seam when lowered into the water.

The Drumbrum sailed from this port yesterday morning in ballast, bound for Valparaiso. She is valued at \$45,000, and is insured for \$39,000. For the past eight months she has been lying idle at Oakland, where she was chartered by the Commercial Company of this city, and was under charter to Renton, Holmes & Co. Her crew consists of 24 men. Capt. Thomas said:

"From the moment we left the Heads we were in fog which got denser every minute. We passed close enough to the lightship to make her out through the fog and hail her. I took my departure from the lightship and stood out to sea, but the fog was so dense that everything was shut in all around us. We could see or hear nothing. The wind was light, between southwest and west, very high. We were not making over four knots when she struck. I had been holding the course for a time and the first thing we knew we saw the breakers ahead and the next instant she struck."

"That is all I can say at this time. When I make my official report I shall give a full detailed account of every detail of the wreck. I am not making any groundings to the strong current, an uncertain and variable one, that sets along this coast. It was impossible to take bearings and determine position in that fog."

The vessel struck at 6:30 p.m. The Oregonian says: The British ship Drumbrum was a pretty well-known trader in the Pacific coast trade. She first came to Portland in 1891, and was dispatched for Europe with wheat by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., sailing January 9, 1894. She returned a year later, and the same firm sent her out with another wheat cargo, February 9, 1895. She cleared from Portland again in 1899 with a cargo of wheat and barley, dispatched by Kerr, Gifford & Co. On arriving at Liverpool she had a general cargo for British Columbia ports, and while on the way to Victoria was sold to Captain Harry Goodall, of San Francisco, the Drumbrum and one or two other vessels being sold at the same time. Capt. Goodall made one or two attempts to get the ships under the American flag but was unsuccessful, and since coming under American ownership they had sailed from Victoria as a home port.

The last visit of the Drumbrum to Portland was in 1903. She came here from Hong Kong under charter to the Pacific Express Lumber Company, and was loaded with a cargo of lumber. After discharging she returned to San Francisco, arriving December 30, and lying idle since that time until she started on her fatal trip. She was chartered about a week ago to proceed to Port Gamble and load lumber for Port Fairweather, and was en route for Port

Gamble when the disaster occurred. While in the grain trade out of this port the Drumbrum was in command of Capt. Charles Spurring, but since her new owners have had her, she has been commanded by Capt. Thomas, who was master of her when she last visited Portland.

**KLONDIKE'S MILLIONS.**

Frank Berry, a passenger returning to Seattle, says the Times of that city, from North Sunday on the steamship "The Klondike" says that gold output of the Klondike district will reach \$13,000,000. It has been variously estimated at \$10,000,000 and \$11,000,000. Berry is one of the heaviest operators in the district and knows the able properties. The Humboldt brought a total of 75 passengers. As a cargo the vessel had 5,000 cases of salmon from the Hunter bay cannery, and a consignment of concentrates from Ketchikan.

**MINNESOTA'S SPEED.**

A special despatch from New York to the Seattle Daily Times on Monday reports that the Minnesota has made her test of machinery and speed, and that the results are most gratifying. She left New York on Saturday and arrived in Philadelphia on Tuesday afternoon, where she will probably take on a few thousand tons of authentic coal before going to Norfolk for final loading.

The test trial was made over an eight-mile course on the route between New York and Philadelphia. The speed developed was at the rate of 17.75 knots an hour. Since a mile is 1.609 kilometers, 6,080 feet against land mile of 5,280 feet, the actual miles per hour which the Minnesota traveled equalled 19.74 miles.

The horse power developed equalled 10,500 and the revolutions reached 88,140 tons, which, of course, showed that only a very small cargo, equalled 65-100 pounds per horse power an hour, which is equivalent to a consumption of 17.325 pounds an hour, or slightly more than 8.1-2 tons. The owners and officers of the Minnesota are naturally very much pleased with the outcome.

**FLOUR FOR JAPAN.**

The Byers Flouring Mills, of Pendleton, Ore., are filling an order for 60,000 quarter-barrels of flour for Japan. The mills are manufacturing about 20,000 barrels a month, not as yet having finished one-third of the order. The last shipped on the first installment of this order has just been shipped from Pendleton over the O. R. & N., and there will be no further shipments until the next set sail. Within the past week 22 carloads of flour have been sent from the Byers mill to Tacoma for shipment to the Orient.

The management of the mill says there is plenty of wheat offered for milling purposes and that they expect to experience no difficulty in securing wheat, notwithstanding the high market prices and the tendency of some farmers to hold for still higher prices.

**MARINE NOTES.**

Steamer Humboldt sailed for the northern ports yesterday afternoon, after taking aboard here some passengers and freight.

Steamer Umattila arrived from San Francisco Monday morning. She had many passengers and a large cargo of general merchandise.

Steamer City of Puebla sailed for San Francisco Monday evening with her usual complement of passengers and cargo.

Steamer Queen City arrived from the West Coast on Monday evening. She brought down several passengers and a quantity of produce.

Officials of the Alaska Steamship Co. say that every pound of freight destined to Delson City this fall will reach its destination without delay.

It. M. S. Empress of China sailed for the Oriental ports on Monday evening. She had a large number of saloon passengers and was well loaded with freight.

Little hope of saving the British ship Drumbrum, ashore on the California coast, is now entertained.

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**Local News.**

**Collegiate School.**—The head master will be at "The Laurels" on Wednesday and Friday mornings to meet parents and enroll new scholars for the term commencing on 12th inst.

**Creditors' Meeting.**—Owing to T. G. Hitt's absence from the city on business, the meeting of the creditors of T. G. Hitt is postponed until Saturday. The meeting was to have been held today.

**A Brave Act.**—A former well-known sealer of this city, Capt. Thomas Brown, who is now first officer on the steamer Gleaner, recently rescued a boy named Turnbull from a watery grave at Scotia Bay. His timely act is described as a very brave one.

**Organ Recital.**—On Thursday next the new pipe organ recently erected in the Victoria College of Music will be formally opened. Two recitals will be given, one at 3 p. m. and another at 8 p. m. The following vocalists will assist: Mrs. W. E. Standen, Mrs. G. Hicks, Miss Schell, Miss Queenie McCoy, Miss Lugin and Messrs. J. G. Brown, H. Kent, G. Hicks and H. Moxon.

**Provincial Normal School.**—The winter session of the Provincial Normal school will commence on Monday, October 3, 1904, and will extend over a term of six months. All intending students should apply to the principal at the early date as possible for the requisite application form, as well as for other necessary information. Letters should be addressed, Principal William Burns, B. A., Normal School, Vancouver.

**B. C. Chiefs En Tour.**—Writing to Mr. R. E. Gosnell from the Agent-General's office in London, Mr. J. A. Turner includes in his letter this interesting bit of news: "The two most distinguished visitors last week in Chief London and Chief Johnny of Kamloops. They created quite an excitement in the neighborhood. They also enjoyed their first motor car ride round Pashu City. I am perhaps not quite right in saying 'enjoyed.' As a matter of fact, I believe they were scared to death, but with a Siwash's stolidity, would show nothing."

**Donations Acknowledged.**—The following donations are thankfully acknowledged at the Aged Women's Home for August: Mrs. Belfry, flowers; Mrs. Evans, Miss Gail, a box of groceries; Mrs. Rufford, lettuce; Mrs. Rudlin, apples; Mrs. H. Clay, sandwiches; Mrs. Tugwell, magazines, Heisterman & Co., cash; A. Friend, groceries; Colman and Times, daily papers. The amount at home, as previously mentioned in these columns, will be held on the 14th inst. Particulars will appear later in the advertising column, but friends of the home are kindly reminded to keep this date free of other engagements.

**Street Extension.**—From an examination of plans in possession of the city engineer, showing the work contemplated in connection with the extension of Birdridge walk to Carr street, it is apparent, contrary to the views of numerous critics of the scheme, that a close connection will be maintained between the straight run from Government street to Dallas road. Carr street is slightly narrower than Birdridge walk and its proposed extension, and ultimately, no doubt, a narrow strip of land may have to be expropriated on Carr street to make the two uniform in width; but for all practical purposes the work, as proposed to be carried out, gives a straight-away run of street line.

**Oratorio "Samson."**—Rehearsals for the oratorio "Samson," under the conductors of Mr. J. G. Brown, will commence this evening in the First Presbyterian church, where the oratorio will be given on Friday, September 9, 1904. It is proposed to give a performance of this fine work in the latter part of November next, which will necessitate regular attendance at rehearsal from start to finish. Mr. Brown believes that the chorists present this rather than spend four or five months' time over it, and extends a hearty invitation to all singers to assist. A large number have signified their intention of aiding in the production and many more are expected at the first rehearsal.

**Friendly Help.**—The Friendly Help Association acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Cash from the City, Mrs. C. E. Todd and Mrs. Smith; clothing, from Mrs. Thoyds, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Wm. Beckford, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Babington, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. F. N. Davis, Mrs. C. E. Poley, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. S. J. Pitts, Mrs. S. L. Lehn, Mrs. J. J. Jones, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. J. J. Jones; clothing and groceries, no name to judge; clothing, furniture and bedding, from Mrs. J. H. Scott; clothing and furniture, from Mrs. C. F. Todd; furniture, from Mrs. J. H. Todd; meat, from R. Porter & Sons. On account of the recent fire forty persons were assisted during August. Fourteen had groceries; six had milk daily; twenty-nine had clothing; four had fuel, and four had furniture.

**Police Court.**—In the Police court yesterday there was the usual consignment of holiday drunks. J. G. Smith was fined \$3.00 for causing a disturbance in a public place, and Albert Hemming paid up \$6 for a similar offence, which had been registered on a previous occasion. George Wilson preferred to let his bail in an appearance. P. Wood was a sidewalk. In the matter of an information laid by Wm. Lee, a Chinaman, against Thomas Turner, it appears likely that there will be trouble, as Mr. Turner presented a most indignant appearance before the magistrate and wanted to know why he had been entered a complaint against him. The trouble seems to have arisen over a matter of the purchase of some birds. The case was remanded until this morning.

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The Seattle Celebration.—Numerous Victorians "took in" the Labor Day celebration at Seattle and they agree in declaring it to have been the most notable event of the kind in the history of the Northwest. The parade was over a mile in length and took over three-quarters of an hour to pass a given point. The queen of the festival, a Vancouver young lady, headed the procession, and was much admired for her splendid appearance. A Victorian who remained at Seattle to see the parade, said that she was the prettiest girl in the city, was quickly corrected, it being vigorously asserted that "there are hundreds of prettier girls in Seattle." Nevertheless the queen was voted a very handsome girl and none applauded her more vigorously than the Canadians who were present.

THE FALL FAIR.

Mainland Districts Favor Plan of Landing Stock at Cadboro Bay.

Secretary Swinerton, of the B. C. Agricultural Association, yesterday received a letter from H. Ferguson, secretary of the Maple Ridge Agricultural Association, endorsing the landing of stock at Cadboro bay wharf for the forthcoming provincial exhibition. Other district societies on the mainland have joined in the suggestion, and the local transportation committee is taking the matter up with the C. P. R., and a satisfactory arrangement will no doubt be made at an early date. The secretary announces, for the benefit of those who intend exhibiting at the show to be held here from Sept. 27 inst. to October 1, that entries will positively close Sept. 20. As previously stated, the offices on Government street will be open in the evening. Applications should be made as soon as possible.

THE IMPERIAL HOTEL CASE.

Amount of Missing Furniture Said to Have Been Greatly Overestimated.

In the Police court yesterday morning J. J. Schmidt and Warren Ayres were charged with having stolen certain furniture from the Imperial hotel. Mr. Geo. Powell and Mr. Courtney appeared for the accused, and Mr. Frank Higgins for the prosecution. As soon as the case was called, application was made on behalf of the accused for an adjournment in order that they might have an opportunity of viewing the house and comparing the furniture there with the stuff represented on the inventory when they took over the lease of the house. The magistrate granted an adjournment until 3:30 p. m. The court resumed in the afternoon, a further adjournment was applied for until the following day. It seems clear that a serious mistake has been made as to the amount of missing furniture. The amount of furniture is missing that was stated to have vanished a day or so ago. The estimate then made showed a shortage of about \$4,000 worth of stuff, but it is now believed that the amount of furniture missing would not reach a value of \$400.

How this extraordinary error occurred is not stated, but, judging from the manner in which the stuff was inventoried, it would not be surprising to see the prosecution withdrawn altogether. The further adjournment asked for was granted, and the stuff was inventoried. As far as the proceedings were concerned the only thing done was that a plea of "not guilty" was entered on behalf of each of the accused, and that a inventory of furniture in the hotel at the time the accused, Schmidt, took over the lease was admitted by the accused to be correct.

Someone is making a half-failure in a business. In this city in which you could make your fortune. Get hold of that business through a "Business Opportunity" advertisement.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERY.

Session Is Held in Knox Church Monday Afternoon.

The Rev. Joseph McCoy, M. A., moderator of the Presbytery of Victoria, presided at the Knox church, Spring ridge, held in Knox church, Spring ridge, on Monday afternoon. There were present a majority of the members of the Presbytery. After the transaction of routine business, a minute was unanimously adopted setting forth the Presbytery's high approval of the excellent work done by the Rev. E. G. Taylor, of Alberni, during the eight years in which he had labored there.

Another minute was passed expressing the sorrow of the members of the Presbytery at the tragic death of the Rev. Mr. Swartout, the missionary to the Indians at Clayoquot and Barkley sound, and appreciating his work as a missionary. The minute also expressed deep sympathy with the family.

Reports of a very satisfactory character were presented by the home and foreign mission committees and grateful for the ensuing six months for the home missions were duly passed. Addresses were then delivered by the Rev. E. D. McLaren, D. D., of the home mission committee of the General Assembly, and the Rev. J. C. Hendman, D. D., superintendent of home missions in the synod of British Columbia. Both speakers dwelt upon the necessity for continued effort in the mission fields, where everything that was in a very promising condition. Many regretted that the importance of the mission fields of the West was not so well understood as it should be, and that a more general grant should be made to the Western field, than had been the case. Very large amounts were given for work in the East, while the West and central sections were compelled to get along with comparatively small contributions. The speaker listened with great attention and interest.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Whitaker took place on Sunday afternoon from the family residence, No. 19 Chambers street, where services were held, and later from St. Barnabas' church, where the cortege was met by Rev. E. G. Miller and a supplied choir. There was a very large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings. The following acted as pallbearers: F. Carne, E. J. Salmon, S. E. King, J. Daley, J. Longfield and W. Clark.

The remains of the late Vivian Paul Medana, aged 23 years and 8 months, will take place this morning from his late residence, 40 Chatham street, at 9:15 o'clock, and from St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral half an hour later. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Medana and grandson of the late Mrs. Catherine Medana, of 48 Simcoe street, James Bay.

Wife (at breakfast)—I want to do some shopping today, dear. If the weather is favorable, what is the forecast? Husband (consulting his paper)—Rain, hail, thunder and lightning.

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**AFFAIRS OF THE ORPHANS HOME**  
Monthly Meeting of Managing Committee Was Held Yesterday.  
The regular monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphanage was held yesterday afternoon at the home on Hillside avenue. There were present: Mrs. F. W. McCulloch (in the chair), and Mesdames McTavish, Higgins, Munroe, Hutcheson, Huckle, Crow-Baker, Toller, Shakespear, Adams, Van Tassel and Berridge. After the adoption of the minutes and the payment of bills amounting to \$73.46, an interesting budget of correspondence was read, referring principally to children wanted for adoption and service, and also from several foster parents of a most encouraging character. The visiting committee presented the following report: The Ladies' Committee of the Protestant Orphans' Home: We beg to present our report of the home for the month of August. We have visited the orphanage every week and are delighted to report all well. The children who were fortunate enough to have invitations for the holidays have all come back looking bright and happy. Scott has returned to the home from Vancouver, where he was most kindly treated, and we are thankful to say that the slight of due eye has been saved, although another operation will have to be performed to make the cure permanent. The repairs to the furnace have been commenced, and we hope that in the future it will give more satisfaction than it has done in the past. Stocks have been looking up at the home this month, Mrs. Cridge having kindly donated a nannie goat, and Mr. Grier of Vander Island a lamb, ready for a table, and, needless to remark, the children were all ready for the lamb. Owing to the thoughtfulness and kindness of those in charge of Labor Day celebration, the children under the care of Mr. Johnson, had a glorious time. They took part in the procession, and were then taken to the Royal Hotel, where each one felt himself a king, after which they were driven to the Caledonia grounds in the four-horse bus, to witness the game of ice-cream and candy were not forgotten, neither was the kindness shown them by, but will long remain as one of their happy days ever to be remembered. Apples and plums have been generously donated, and were a great treat, as the pantry at present contains more empty jam jars than full ones. Mrs. Kay, the worthy matron, has forty-five children in her care; two are under plates, and this month, and the opening day of school thirty-two marched off armed with their books and ready to wrestle with sums, etc. Very few groceries were required, as the pantry was so well replenished at the pound party. We are glad to say that flour is holding its own, but potatoes have made themselves scarce. All of which is faithfully submitted. MRS. HUCKELL, C. A. McTAVISH.

This report was received and filed, and a cordial vote of thanks extended to the Ladies and Labor Council for their generous treatment of the orphans on Labor Day. Mrs. James Hutcheson and Mrs. G. L. Milne were appointed visitors for September. The matron reported all well and the receipt of the following donations, which were acknowledged with grateful thanks: The Protestant Orphans' Home, Victoria, September 6, 1904. Donations for August: J. B. A. per G. Smith, 2 boxes candy; Mr. R. Chapman, Onions, cabbage and turnips; Mrs. Sidney Wilsch, boy's clothing; Mrs. James Angus, jam; Mrs. T. G. Mitchell, blouses and shoes; Mrs. VanTassel, apples and pears; Mrs. Ems, apples; Mrs. Simon, Rockland avenue, clothing; Dorothy Dyrlek, candy; Mrs. Huckle, 2 gallon jar sugar; Miss Norma Clark, per R. Movat, Porter & Sons, apples; A. Friend, per Porter & Sons, fruit cake; Mrs. Goodhewer, Albert Bay, 1 case canned salmon, 1 tub pickled salmon; Mr. Grimmer, Pender Island, 1 lamb; Mrs. Cridge, 1 goat and red-ling matter; Mrs. Munroe, fish and apples; Mrs. Leach, and daughter, clothing and plums; Mr. Maynard, 2 boxes plums; Mrs. R. Porter, large box plums, apples; Mrs. VanTassel, Victoria West, large basket plums; Miss L. Taylor, Sunday school papers and books; Victoria Trades and Labor Council, invitation to children to attend Labor Day celebration; contribution to pound party, Mrs. Thornton Fell.

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